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LYNEHAM AVIATION CENTRE

DOIC NEWSLETTER

1. Introduction

Welcome to the second of Lyneham Aviation Centre's newsletters

2. Club Vision And other such management jargon!

The vision for the Lyneham Aviation remains the same as stated in the last publication. Things are progressing slowly, although we have had a lot of interest in the aerobatics side of the plans, cost of aircraft are still prohibitive at this time.

3. Costs

Sadly we have seen another price rise, this month. This decision was not made lightly and having reviewed the current finances and completed next years financial plan, these prices were the only way to keep the club afloat.

4. Checklists

A club standard checklist has been agreed, this is with the printers and is expected to be ready by 15th April. We are having enough printed so each club member can have their own. Everyone will be issued one checklist (covered by their membership charge), any losses, replacements or additional lists will be charged at £5. As stated in the Flying Order Book all members are required to use the club approved checklist. Once these are published these will be the only allowed checklists in LAC aircraft.

5. PPL Exams

Lyneham can now set PPL and IMC exams on site. Bob McPhee is the nominated custodian of the papers, however, Graham Stokes can also set the exams. The cost for each paper will be £20 for a first sitting and £15 for each re-sit. Each subject can be sat at Lyneham upto 3 times after that

the candidate must arrange with the CAA to sit the exam.

6. Aircraft Covers

Both G-WFFW and G-VICC have new covers arriving soon. These will be lighter and more effective than the current Disruptive Pattern Material (DPM) (or camouflage to the layman) cover fitted to G-WFFW. A lacon (metal box) will be strapped to the fence near the fuel bowser for storage of the covers when not fitted to the aircraft.

7. AGM

The club AGM will be held at 47AD Sqn on Thursday 3rd May starting at 1900. For those who don't know the workings of Lyneham 47AD sqn is not to be confused with 47Sqn. 47AD (Air Dispatch) Sqn is an Army unit and they are on the other side of the Wotton Bassett / Calne Road from RAF Lyneham main camp. There will be a bar and some food, for food there will be a £3 charge and this will include a free beer.

8. Aircraft Cleaning

Aircraft cleaning sessions are going to happen 6 times a year from this month. These will happen as a routine on the first Thursday of every even month at 1730L. The first session, however, will be Thursday 12th April from 1730L (this is because we have just missed the first Thursday). We ask that club members offer a bit of time to help with keeping the equipment in good working order by popping along for an hour or so. The sessions are being marked up on Flight schedule Pro in Yellow.

9. Expeditions

The main expedition to Malta is looking like it will not have sufficient interest due to cost and amount of time involved. We are however keen to support locally arranged expeditions, for example a trip upto Wick (north of

Lossiemouth- the other side of the water!) has been suggested by Alan Twigg – contact him for dates and details.

10. Fuel Bowser

Please take care when operating the club bowser's padlock, the combination is changed by depressing the yolk 180 degrees and re-selecting a new code. This can happen and did happen on 6 April and believe me I'm glad I didn't start at 9999 and work my way down!

11. Instructors

The club is still operating with 5 part time instructors and on 26th April we will have Mike Durand starting full time. Also coming on board is Matt Lane who is a Class rating instructor (CRI), this means that he can fly with people who have already been awarded a PPL and whose class ratings have expired. CRIs cannot teach Ab-initio students.

12. Aerobatics

The current plan with aerobatics will be to lease an aerobatic aircraft for a very limited period (probably 2 weeks) during July or August and line up 2 aerobatic instructors probably Bob McPhee and possibly Roger Milburn to fly people who either wish to experience aerobatics or would like to gain their own AOPA Aerobatics Certificate.

13. Website

The new Lyneham Aviation Centre website has been set-up. The site is an information only site and does not have a forum capability but it does have useful documents like the flying order book, health and safety info, weight and balance calculators and a few photos.